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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

DCI/IC 75-1745

30 APR 1975


MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Thomas K. Latimer,
Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Proposed DCI/JCS Command Relationships
Agreement (CRA)

1. This is in response to your memorandum to me, dated 4 April 1975, subject as above.

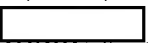
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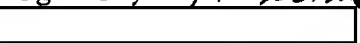
3. However, I would point out that in recent CPX exercises the Agency has noted evidence of some fundamental misconceptions concerning implementation of the CRA and the DCI's wartime responsibility for national intelligence which may require some substantive resolution in the future. We are prepared to work together with you on this matter at the appropriate time.


Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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Chairman, JCS

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

- ① Advise DDO-
- ② Prepare response for my
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DCI/IC 75-1744
10 APR 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of CIA/DOD Command
Relationships Agreement (CRA)

1. PURPOSE: provide response to memorandum from the
Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Thomas K.
Latimer.

2. BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

a. Secretary Schlesinger's letter of 29 April 1974
proposed DCI consideration and concurrence in a revised
CRA (Tab B).

b. Mr. Colby responded 13 May 1974 by referring to
other agreements also under consideration and asked that
LtGen Graham work jointly with CIA and the Joint Staff
on these matters (Tab C).

c. Mr. Latimer in his memo (Tab D) proposes that
CIA and DOD await the outcome of the current Congressional
investigations before proceeding. OSD is aware of some
substantive differences in views on the CRA. Some of
the issues involved could be affected by new Congressional
or Executive determinations.

d. The contingency agreement (CSA) has never been
forwarded to us for formal action. It is planned by
OSD to refer this agreement back to the OJCS and hold
it in abeyance along with the CRA.

e. OJCS advises they can make do with the existing
agreement.

f. DDO/SOG has no serious objections to the OSD
proposal.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. You sign proposed letter at Tab A and return
to HB for dispatch.

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b. You may wish to advise the DCI and the DDCI informally of this matter.



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COORDINATION:



Deputy Director for Operations

25 April 1975
Date

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he can accept Jaramer letter in toto. I can
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Bill

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Deputy to the DCI for the
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13 MAY 1974

The Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Jim:

Your 29 April letter forwarded a copy of a proposed revision of the DCI/JCS Command Relationships Agreement (CRA) and requested my concurrence with the revision. Prior to receipt of your letter, my Intelligence Community staff had been in contact with the action office in the JCS staff and I understand that the JCS is also looking at a number of other DCI/JCS agreements on a variety of subjects.

Considerable changes have occurred since the original agreements were formulated. I agree that it is a good time to look at the existing arrangements in the light of our experience with them. With your indulgence, I have asked Lt. Gen. Graham to get together with CIA and JCS and jointly consider what needs to be done.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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Rewritten per discussions between
DDO and Dr. Clarke

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